

A BOY'S IDEA OF HEAVEN IS A TEN-REEL FEATURE WHICH INCLUDES DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, FATTY ARBUCKLE AND CHARLIE CHAPLIN ALL IN THE SAME CAST

Ban Johnson Wants to Give Profits to the Government

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Jack Hendricks Will Become Manager of Cardinals Today

## How Do They Do It?



By ARNOT

## BAN WOULD FEDERALIZE BASEBALL NEXT SEASON

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Byron Ban-  
croft Johnson, president of the  
American League, has hurled an-  
other bombshell into the national  
pastime. With his magnates on  
their way to this city for the annual  
meeting to open on Wednesday, the  
boss of the younger major league  
offers to allow the United States  
Government to control the organiza-  
tion, taking all the profits above 4  
per cent.

"This does not mean 4 per cent on  
the investment, but simply 4 per cent  
of whatever profits the Government  
may make in operating the plants,  
and I am sure there is not a club  
owner in the league who is not will-

ing to operate at a loss next season  
if it will help the Government in any  
way," said Johnson.

President Johnson also said he be-  
lieved the club owners would be will-  
ing to give their plants for any pur-  
pose the Government might see fit—  
conducting baseball games, military  
exhibitions, war benefits or other  
purposes, and would not demand more  
than the return on Liberty bonds—4  
per cent.

Just what the American League  
magnates will say about this latest  
suggestion from President Johnson  
can only be conjectured. Most of  
them have been planning retrenchment,  
claiming that only in that way can  
they hope to exist through the  
1918 season, but not one of them has  
considered giving whatever profits  
may be made out of the game to the  
Government.

## SPORTS BOOM IN FRANCE AMONG ALLIED SOLDIERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Jo Loomis,  
the long-studied athlete in America,  
has arrived here after a tour of duty as an  
ambulance driver behind the French  
lines. He is going back as a member  
of the 28th Field Artillery, now training  
at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. Loomis,  
who represents the Chicago A. A., says  
that sports are booming "over there."

"They're all playing games of some  
sort over there," said Loomis. "This  
world war is spreading American sports,  
and the British are taking up baseball  
fast. The French are slow to adopt  
baseball. They can't throw."

## "LET SOLDIERS IN FREE," IS SLOGAN OF MAGNATES

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

"Free admission to men in uni-  
form" is a slogan that may carry suc-  
cess at the meetings of the major  
leagues this week. If the two big  
organizations agree, it is expected  
that an effort will be made to exempt  
the service men from paying even the  
war tax.

Colonel Ruppert, whose partner,  
Captain Huston, is now serving with  
the engineer corps in France, is pre-  
pared to offer this motion at the  
American League meeting at Chicago  
Wednesday. Just who will make it  
at the New York session of the Na-  
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